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**Re: Sauget Sites Area 1 – May 31, 2000 Unilateral Administrative  
Order – Soil/Sediment Removal Action  
November 1, 2000 Update re Status of Access Agreements**

Dear Tom and Kevin:

Pursuant to the May 31, 2000 Unilateral Administrative Order ("UAO") pertaining to the soil and sediment removal work in and around Dead Creek, Solutia Inc. ("Solutia") has continued its efforts to secure access to off-site properties as necessary for the performance of the work. As of the date of our last access status report (dated October 2, 2000), Solutia had obtained access from thirteen landowners, and was still working to obtain access from Emily Hankins and Ruan Transport Corporation ("Ruan").

As we informed you in an e-mail last month, we have now obtained a signed access agreement for Emily Hankins' property. Unfortunately, we still have not received a signed agreement from Ruan. I have been communicating with Ruan's attorney on a regular basis, and have been working to revise the access agreement to address Ruan's concerns. Ruan continues to request a

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broader indemnity covering personal injury and property damage, despite the fact that they will be listed as an additional insured on Solutia's contractor's insurance. It is not clear whether Ruan will agree to the access agreement, and it has been difficult getting them to focus on it (especially because the Ruan contact who will review the agreement has been out of town).

I am hopeful that we will ultimately obtain a signed agreement from Ruan, although time is an issue. Solutia will need access to Ruan property for the dewatering activities in the very near future. The exigency of the situation has been conveyed to Ruan.

Because we have obtained all the other access agreements required by the UAO, we will not be providing you with another formal access update. We will, however, continue to keep you informed of the status of our negotiations with Ruan, and whether we will need EPA assistance to secure access.

As always, please call if you have questions regarding this update.

Very truly yours,

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